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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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Applicant(s): H. MITAMURA  
Serial No. : 10/014,165  
Filed : December 11, 2001  
For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
Art Unit : 2852  
Examiner : WAGNER, CRYSTAL L.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. Claims 1-16 are  
amended, and claims 17-20 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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